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Miss M. A. Ellis	8 Roseland Street.
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Mrs. Folsom.	Mrs. Durant.
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And the monthly visitors.

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Miss Ellis.	Mrs. Durant.

Mrs. Shaw.

And the monthly visitors.

Assignment of Monthly Visitors, 1902–1903.

Dec.	1.	Mrs. Davis.	Dec.	15.	Miss McCallar.
Jan.	1.	Mrs. Storer.	Jan.	15.	Mrs. Bell.
Feb.	1.	Mrs. Durant.	Feb.	15.	Mrs. Bennett.
March	1.	Mrs. Folsom.	March	15.	Mrs. Earle.
April	1.	Mrs. Shaw.	April	15.	Miss Chamberlin.
May	1.	Miss Murdock.	May	15.	Mrs. Bell.
June	1.	Mrs. Davis.	June	15.	Mrs. Storer.
July	1.	Mrs. Durant.	July	15.	Miss McCallar.
Aug.	1.	Miss Ellis.	Aug.	15.	Miss Chamberlin.
Sept.	1.	Mrs. Folsom.	Sept.	15.	Mrs. Earle.
Oct.	1.	Mrs. Shaw.	Oct.	15.	Mrs. Lincoln.
Nov.	1.	Miss Murdock.	Nov.	15.	Mrs. Bennett.

Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Home on the second Friday in each month.

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OF THE TRUSTEES OF

THE AVON HOME.

OUR year is at an end, and as Trustees of the Avon Home we would give an account of our stewardship to our Cambridge friends, who have done so much to aid us during the past year.

Our record of the material prosperity of the Home is a good one, and we should be glad to have stories to tell of great advance in the moral and intellectual character of the children, for which we should make our most strenuous efforts.

An account of a charity Kindergarten written by a lady two years ago gives an idea of what we should like in our Home. She writes: "A printed appeal is such a dead thing, after all. If I could only fix on a printed page Donny's smile when he conquered his temper yesterday; put into type that hand-clasp of Mrs. Finnigan's, that sent such a thrill of promise to our hearts; show a subscriber Mrs. Guinn's quivering lips when she thanked us for the change in Joe, — why, we should never need money."

We also have such testimonials, and when they come they give us great cheer. One mother spoke to one of our trustees of the wonderful improvement in her boy in

some of the humbler virtues, which shows the beginning of a change of character. Many of the children who have left us in times past have taken pains to thank us for the influence which the teaching at the Home had exerted on their lives. So we take courage, and begin our new year.

We have learned since last November of two legacies: one by the will of Isaac W. Danforth, of five thousand dollars; the other by the will of Mrs. George M. Lane, a member of our Board of Trustees from 1876 to 1885, of one thousand dollars.

We regret to record the resignation of two of our valued trustees, Mrs. Westcott and Mrs. Fox. The former has been with us for fifteen years, ever since the death of our dear Mrs. Paine, who suggested her for the position. She is a very great loss. She has been conscientious and devoted, with tender care for the children. We hope that she may return to us with renewed interest when she comes back to Cambridge. Mrs. Fox had not been with us so long, but her efficient services are much missed.

We have secured the services of three new trustees, Mr. Charles F. Stratton, Mrs. Nathan F. Lincoln, and Mrs. William A. Earle.

The same friends remember us every year. Miss Manson gave her usual kind invitation to the children at Christmas, but some cases of chicken-pox in the Home prevented the acceptance of invitations away from the house, so she sent the tree with all its gifts to be enjoyed at the Home.

Since our last Report one of our constant friends, Mr. Mandell, has "passed into the higher life." For many years he has celebrated the anniversary of his birthday by giving all the inmates of the Home a delightful drive into the country. He has brought his own carriage and

the carriages of such friends as he asked, and no one, even to the smallest child, was omitted. The last drive was given only a few days before his death.

Mrs. Bennett, one of our trustees, gave a charming party to the children on the seventeenth of June, giving them ice-cream and cake, and sending carriages for the younger children, who could not walk so far. Mrs. J. R. Murphy gave an entertainment, at the Home, of singing, which was much enjoyed.

Two delightful drives to the seashore were given in the hot weather, one by Mrs. J. B. Warner, the other by one of the trustees. An entertainment of games, and so forth, was given by the "Volunteer Mission Band" of the North Avenue Baptist Church. They brought ice-cream, cake, and peanuts for the children. Some of the boys, five in number, were entertained by their Sunday-school teacher, Miss Sparrow, one afternoon in June. On July fourth, a young friend supplied torpedoes and fire-crackers for the children, and in the evening delighted them with a display of fireworks. In some of our entertainments a few of the children who have left the Home have been included.

We refer to another column of this Report for the record of our indebtedness to clubs, churches, and individuals for valuable clothing, toys, fruit, and other luxuries. We have seldom been forgotten on any holiday. The Oak Grove Farm continues its generous contribution of four quarts of milk daily.

We have been able to place in proper position a suitable tablet in memory of our Founder, Mr. James Huntington, which tells to all visitors his kindness and love for little children, to which we are indebted for the Avon Home.

We have had many blessings, but also many cares and anxieties. There have been ten cases of chicken-pox,

twenty-five cases of measles, and fifteen of mumps; none fatal, owing to the prompt and efficient care of our physicians, aided by good nursing.

Some of our friends have heard of our legacies, and have fallen off in their subscriptions. Any householder must know what "wear and tear" must come to a house like ours from the invasion of forty children, not one of whom has had any training in the care of property, paint, or plumbing, and for the latter we have heavy bills.

The Clothing Committee regret that so few gifts of partly worn garments have been sent to them this year. These are always very acceptable, because, being made of better material than we can afford to buy, they are worth thorough repair, and last a long time.

Our thanks are due to the kind friends who did so much for the May Day reception, though financially it was not such a success as usual, owing to the rainy weather.

In April and May the children had instruction from Miss Kastman in physical training and games. This has been valuable and its influence far reaching.

Fifteen children have left the Home this year, and fourteen have been admitted. The number at present in the Home is thirty-six, but in a few days there will be the usual number, forty.

The older girls who have left us are much missed in the Home, but the younger ones are learning to take their places. These departures and some changes in the helpers of the Home have made the year a more laborious one for those who have remained. Three children have been placed in private families, one earning her board and going to school, the other two boarding; one partly, and the other wholly, at the expense of the Home. The increase in our income has made possible this new departure,

and when it seems best, either for the Home or for the child, we hope to pursue this plan. The other children who have gone have returned to their parents or guardians.

Our new year never finds us feeling rich. The possibilities of more work and more usefulness so open before us that we feel deeply our limitations. We can only beg our friends to remember that in our large city there is but one refuge for "Children left destitute within the limits of Cambridge."

SARAH S. STORER.
ELIZABETH C. FOLSOM.

FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of Dollars, to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

PERMANENT FUND OF THE AVON HOME.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Trust Fund	$531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	9,333.91
Holly Tree	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund	150.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa H. Rindge	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund	500.00
Mary E. Piper Fund	500.00
Donation from a Friend	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed	172.13
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emily A. Burleigh	500.00
Donation from Francis C. Foster	1,000.00
Legacy of Henry R. Glover	1,000.00
Legacy of Samuel Longfellow	500.00
Legacy of Jonathan W. Bemis	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett	5,000.00
Legacy of Miss Harriet A. Hayes	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary E. Waitt	250.00
Legacy of James Mellen	1,000.00
John W. and Belinda L. Randall Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Harriet N. S. Fay	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Hannah E. Moore	100.00
By gain from exchange of bonds	166.00
Legacy of Charles W. Oxford	500.00
Legacy of Miss Susie M. Ransom	18,020.00
Donation from Mrs. Lucy C. Bemis	250.00
Philip Rogers Bennett Memorial Fund	500.00
Frances Mary Mackay Fund	15,000.00
Legacy of Oliver H. Durrell	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Lydia M. Palmer	2,000.00
"In Memory of Mother and Girard"	100.00
Legacy of Mrs. Julia A. Harding	20,000.00
Legacy of Epes Sargent Dixwell	5,000.00
Legacy of Isaac W. Danforth	5,000.00
	$111,727.05

Emergency Fund	$500.00
H. M. S. Fund	40.31
Piano Fund	15.41

The Funds are accounted for as follows: —

Notes secured by mortgages	$6,500.00
Bonds	90,876.80
Railway shares	10,330.75
Savings Bank deposit	2,847.49
Bond Premiums	400.00
Awaiting investment	1,327.73

Dr. THE TREASURER, *in Account with* THE AVON HOME. Cr.

1901, Nov. 1.		
Balance, Cash on hand from old account		$496.68
Held for Investment		502.12
To Cash from year ending November 14, 1902: —		
One half of Thanksgiving Collection at Union Service in Grace M. E. Church	$3.46	
Fair at 49 Linnæan Street by Avon Club	200.00	
One half of Thanksgiving Collection at Union Service in First Universalist Church	5.61	
St. John's Memorial Chapel	100.00	
University Press	10.00	
No Name Club	10.00	
Prospect St. Congregational Church	15.03	
Christ Church Sunday School	5.00	
The Hive	10.00	
First Church Congregational Sunday School	20.00	
Individual Donations	290.00	
Annual Subscriptions	816.50	
Board	160.00	
General Income	4,548.85	
May Sale	912.22	
Rent of Concord Farm	285.00	
Drew from Savings Banks	138.45	
Interest on Piano and H. M. S. Funds	1.07	
Legacy of Mrs. Julia A. Harding	20,000.00	
Legacy of Epes Sargent Dixwell	5,000.00	
Legacy of Isaac W. Danforth	5,000.00	
Sale of bonds	3,000.00	
Received on account of mortgage	1,500.00	
Interest on legacy of E. S. Dixwell	363.33	
Premium on sale and exchange of bonds	157.87	
		42,552.39
		$43,551.19

The undersigned have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and find them to have been accurately kept, with proper vouchers for all payments.

WILLIAM W. DALLINGER,
SANFORD B. HUBBARD, *Auditors.*

1902, Nov. 14.		
By Cash paid for Expenses of the Home: —		
Salary of Matron and Employees	$2,226.20	
Provisions and Groceries	2,049.24	
Fuel, Gas, and Water	522.55	
Boots, Clothing, and Dry Goods	276.62	
Furniture and House Utensils	85.32	
Improvements and Repairs	230.34	
Druggist	17.13	
Printing	87.25	
Telephone	31.60	
Insurance	210.50	
Taxes on Concord Farm	120.89	
Board	51.10	
Excursions	20.07	
Expended for H. M. S. Room	6.60	
Sundries	189.88	
Accrued Interest	287.59	
		$6,412.88
Carried to Piano and H. M. S. Funds	$1.07	
Invested for Permanent Fund	35,655.17	
		35,656.24
The Balance is apportioned as follows: —		
Deposited in Cambridge Trust Company and awaiting investment for Permanent Fund	$1,327.73	
Deposited in Cambridge Trust Company and held for current expenses	$119.34	
Cash on hand for current expenses	35.00	
	154.34	
		1,482.07
		$43,551.19

MARY A. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

For the year ending November 1, 1902.

Mrs. G. W. Abbot	$5.00	Miss A. M. Goodwin	$5.00
Mrs. F. A. Allen	2.00	Mrs. H. B. Goodwin	5.00
Mrs. A. F. Amee	1.00	Mrs. Asa Gray	10.00
Mrs. J. B. Ames	5.00	Miss Frances Gray	1.00
Miss M. J. Bacon	2.00	Miss E. W. Green	2.00
Mrs. S. I. Bailey	2.00	Mrs. James Greenleaf	20.00
Mrs. C. A. Batchelder	1.00	Miss Elizabeth Harris	1.00
Miss Maude Batchelder	1.00	Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hayes	20.00
Mrs. G. W. Beaman	2.00	Miss C. A. Hedge	5.00
Mrs. A. D. S. Bell	6.00	Mrs. J. A. Henshaw	5.00
O. T. Boyd	2.00	Mrs. J. L. Hildreth	5.00
Miss Edith Bradford	2.00	Mrs. S. B. Hildreth	25.00
Mrs. H. O. Bright	5.00	Mrs. W. L. Hooper	5.00
S. J. Brooks	5.00	Mrs. A. A. Howard	4.00
Mrs. J. C. Brown	1.00	Mrs. Estes Howe	5.00
J. G. Brown	5.00	Miss Kate McP. Howe	5.00
Mrs. S. E. Buck	2.00	Mrs. M. G. Howe	5.00
Miss E. S. Bulfinch	1.00	Mrs. R. T. Howes	1.00
Mrs. S. G. Bulfinch	1.00	Mrs. C. E. Hubbard	10.00
Miss E. C. Bullard	3.00	R. J. Hudson	1.00
Mrs. F. J. Bumstead	5.00	Mrs. M. E. Hyde	1.00
Mrs. W. S. Burke	2.50	Mrs. G. P. Johnson	2.00
Mrs. Lucien Carr	5.00	B. M. Jones	5.00
Mrs. Newell Chamberlain	1.00	C. W. Kingsley	100.00
Mrs. D. W. Chamberlin	5.00	Mrs. W. B. Lambert	5.00
Miss L. M. Chamberlin	2.00	Mrs. D. D. Lawrence	4.00
Mrs. G. W. Colburn	2.00	Mrs. N. F. Lincoln	1.00
Mrs. William Cook	5.00	Mrs. Atherton Loring	2.00
Mrs. L. F. Cornelius	1.00	Miss A. S. Montague	10.00
A. McF. Davis	10.00	Miss Annie Moore	2.00
Mrs. W. M. Davis	10.00	Miss Velma Morse	3.00
Mrs. A. L. Devens	5.00	Miss Maria Murdock	10.00
Mrs. M. W. Dewey	1.00	Mrs. N. C. Nash	5.00
Miss A. A. Douglass	5.00	Mr. W. H. Neal	5.00
Mrs. Robert Douglass	5.00	Mrs. W. H. Neal	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dresser	15.00	Mrs. G. W. C. Noble	5.00
Mrs. W. B. Durant	2.00	Mrs. Frederic Odiorne	1.00
Mrs. C. W. Eliot	5.00	Miss J. W. Paine	15.00
Mrs. E. R. Ellis	2.00	Mrs. E. M. Parker	10.00
Mrs. Thomas Emerson	2.00	Mrs. F. G. Peabody	10.00
Mrs. F. I. Eustis	5.00	Miss Frances Pike	1.00
Mrs. Emily Everett	5.00	Mrs. W. T. Piper	5.00
Mrs. G. R. Farrell	1.00	Mrs. P. G. Porter	1.00
Mrs. James C. Fisk	10.00	Mrs. David Proudfoot	1.00
Mrs. Norton Folsom	2.00	Mrs. H. C. Rand	5.00
Mrs. F. C. Foster	10.00	C. C. Read	5.00
Mrs. Jabez Fox	5.00	Mr. and Mrs. John Read	10.00
Mrs. L. M. Goodnow	5.00	William Read	5.00
Mrs. B. F. Goodrich	10.00	Mrs. G. F. Ricker	1.00

Mrs. G. B. Roberts	$5.00	Mrs. H. N. Tilton	$1.00
Mrs. J. L. Ross	20.00	C. H. Toy	5.00
Miss C. H. Saunders	2.00	Benjamin Vaughan	30.00
Mrs. H. M. Saville	3.00	F. W. Vaughan	5.00
Mrs. W. T. Sears	5.00	A. S. Waitt	5.00
Miss M. T. Sedgwick	5.00	Mrs. A. J. Wallace	2.00
Mrs. George Sheffield	5.00	Miss C. L. Ware	5.00
Miss E. R. Simmons	3.00	Mrs. J. B. Warner	5.00
Mrs. M. E. Simmons	3.00	Mrs. J. A. Wellington	5.00
Mrs. Chauncey Smith	5.00	Mrs. Henry Westcott	5.00
Mrs. J. B. Smith	3.00	C. J. White	20.00
Mrs. A. F. Sortwell	5.00	Miss Maria Whitney	5.00
Mrs. I. M. Spelman	10.00	Mrs. W. P. Wiggin	5.00
Misses E.W. and H. L. Storer	10.00	Mrs. Davies Wilson	1.00
Mrs. R. B. Storer	10.00	Miss Mary Woodman	25.00
Mrs. C. H. Taft	1.00	Walter Woodman	5.00
Miss C. A. Taggard	5.00	Mrs. Walter Woodman	5.00
Mrs. J. B. Thayer	3.00	Mrs. T. F. Wright	10.00

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Miss Anne W. Abbot	$20.00	The Misses Peabody	$50.00
Miss M. E. Blatchford	10.00	W. T. Piper	25.00
Miss E. C. Campbell	5.00	Warren Sanger	5.00
C. T. Carruth	25.00	Mrs. George Sheffield	5.00
Mrs. Richard Cary	10.00	Mrs. R. B. Storer	5.00
C. C. Clarke, Shanghai	25.00	Mrs. J. G. Thorp	10.00
T. B. Gannett	50.00	Mrs. J. B. Warner	4.00
—— Gerrish	5.00	Mrs. H. S. Wiggin	1.00
C. G. Green	10.00	The Misses Wyman	5.00
Miss H. R. Holland	5.00	H. D. Yerxa	15.00

Donations of money can be sent to any of the Trustees, or to the Treasurer, Miss MARY A. ELLIS, 8 Roseland Street, Cambridge.

Miscellaneous Donations for the Year ending November 1, 1902.

Four quarts of milk, daily, from the Oak Grove Creamery Co.; "Dumb Animals," for the year, from the Publishers; and "Youth's Companion," for the year, from Miss Holland.

1901. **November.** Mrs. Westcott, a rug for the Matron's dining-room; Mrs. Carrie H. Smith, four bibles, fifty-one story-books, eleven cards; Mrs. Kent, two flannelette skirts, two gingham aprons; Mrs. Carruth, a game, toys; "Holdfast Circle of King's Daughters," two pairs of blankets, eight sheets, six pillow-slips, for Gilman Memorial room; Master B. Alpheus Ward, a rabbit; Mrs. A. D. S. Bell, a child's chair; the Manager of the Harvard University Football Association, a football; Mrs. Eustis, a girl's coat; Boston Branch of the Needlework Guild, two cotton dresses, two woollen dresses, six pairs of cotton drawers, eight skirts, four hoods, one mohair skirt, two pairs of gloves, six handkerchiefs, two pairs of woollen drawers, two pairs of stockings; Mrs. Storer, a turkey; Mrs. Folsom, two dozen oranges, celery; Prof. and Mrs. W. M. Davis, a turkey; Mrs. W. B. Durant, a turkey; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, a turkey; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, candies, nuts, grapes, figs, and apples; Conant and Stockwell, two turkeys; Mrs. J. B. Kempton, a cake for each child; Miss L. M. Chamberlin, ice-cream; Miss Murdock, celery; Cambridge Flower Mission, vegetables, fruit, and groceries; St. John's Church, a turkey; "A Friend," cake; Mrs. W. Woodman, a girl's coat, a cap, a pair of overshoes, a flannel skirt, seven pairs of mittens.

December. "The Hive," two flannelette skirts, five pairs of flannel drawers, seven cotton night-dresses, one cotton skirt; Miss Parker, for "Little Helpers'" room, a table-cover and a calendar; "A Friend," four dolls, a box of dolls' clothing; Mr. G. S. Merrill, a box of pears; Miss Mary Woodman, a barrel of apples; Mrs. S. B. Hildreth, four baskets, a pair of slippers, two dolls, toys, and picture-books; Mrs. Folsom, Christmas presents; Mrs. S. G. Bulfinch, one infant's wrapper, two flannel jackets, two bibs, five pairs of cotton drawers; Ralph and Nancy Piper, a large cart; First Parish Church (Unitarian), milk and rolls; Mrs. T. B. Gannett, three books, blocks, games, toys; Mrs. E. D. Mellen, thirty bags of candy, toys, and games; Mr. J. M. Noyes, twenty bags of pop-corn; Miss Harlow, six dressed dolls, two pairs of slippers, two pairs of mittens; Miss Helen Monroe, two dolls, games, marbles, slates, pencils, and writing-paper; for "Little Helpers'" room, a picture; Miss Hayden, calendars; Mrs. M. C. Shaw, a box of handkerchiefs for each child; Penelope Noyes, two dolls, games, paper-dolls, blocks, tops; Mrs. F. W. Dean, three dolls, iron toys, a scrap-book, a picture-book; "Delta Sigma Phi" Club, games, toys; Mrs. Jabez Fox, four dozen oranges; Miss Gertrude Sheffield, a cake for each child; Mrs. Lovering, seventeen wreaths; Miss Murdock, forty nickels for the children's stockings; Miss E. E. Manson's Kindergarten, a Christmas-tree, toys, games, candy; Miss Haff and friends, ice-cream, cake, candy; Mrs. Durant, gloves, thimbles, ribbons, candy for the stockings; Miss M. Woodman, a scrap-book, games; Mrs. Bennett, a turkey, boxes of candy, four sleds; Mrs. H. S. Nash, toys, games, paper-dolls; Miss McCallar, pop-corn balls, cakes; Mrs. B. Vaughan, a turkey; Mrs. A. S. Hill, a barrel of apples; Mrs. D. R. Chapman, an infant's jacket, seven calendars; Mr. J. H. Wyeth, two boxes of figs; Mrs. E. H. Thomp-

son, two shirt-waists, two pairs of flannel drawers, collars, games, toys, cards; Conant and Stockwell, grapes and oranges; Mrs. Greenwood's Sunday-school class, books, papers, candy; "A Friend," a Christmas cake; Mrs. John Read, milk several times; Miss L. L. Clifford, oranges; Mrs. J. A. Swan, six pairs of mittens, candy, a box of apples; Mrs. E. L. Beard, two snow-shovels; Mr. A. F. Sortwell, a case of oranges; Prof. W. M. Davis, nuts and dates; Mr. J. H. Corcoran, a box of books, toys, games; Mrs. Charles H. Remick, a doll's house, furnished, a game.

1902. **January.** Mrs. R. B. Storer, a half-case of oranges; Ethel Smith, Catherine Scott, and Frida Haskell, of North Avenue Baptist S. I., a flannel dress, a flannelette petticoat, a pair of drawers, a pair of mittens, a pair of stockings; Mrs. Durant, a pair of rubber boots; Miss Mildred Sears, two girl's coats, a muff; Mrs. W. Emery, books, toys, games; "The Club," two blouses, three pairs of drawers, an apron; Mrs. E. S. Gilmore, a coat, a gingham dress, two aprons, a pair of boots, two union suits, one cotton skirt, three pairs of drawers, nine shirts, six pairs of stockings, a skirt, four collars, two pairs of slippers, a pair of mittens, a necktie, three books; "The Bee," two pairs of flannelette drawers; Mrs. W. Wright, an overcoat, two night-dresses, a pair of overshoes, a pair of boots, a pair of mittens; "The Club," seven pairs of drawers, one apron, one blouse; Mrs. F. W. Dean, a double go-cart; Mrs. Crocker, a baby-carriage; Miss F. C. Farley, two shirts; Mrs. W. B. Lambert, a desk; Mrs. T. L. Smith, twenty flannelette skirts, twenty pairs of cotton drawers; "Sewing Club, Limited," eight flannelette night-dresses.

February. Mrs. J. A. Allison, valentines and cards; "The Club," one apron, five pairs of flannel drawers; Mrs. J. Dorr, one flannel blouse, two dresses, two flannel skirts, four pairs of drawers, two waists, seventeen pairs of stockings, one pair of shoes; "New Church Ladies' Aid Society," the making of twenty-two waists; Mrs. H. Bingham, ice-cream and cake; Mrs. Bell, cakes for the children; "Ladies' Sewing Guild" of the Cantabrigia Club, four night-dresses, two shirts, two pairs of drawers, four pairs of stockings, two flannelette dresses, two flannelette skirts; Miss Winifred H. Rogers, twelve valentines; Mrs. Jeanette Robinson Murphy, a musical entertainment for the children; Mrs. Durant, cakes for the children; Miss L. M. Chamberlin, ginger-snaps; Mrs. Robert Walker, forty valentines; Sewing Society of the Third Congregational (Unitarian) Church, twenty-four pairs of cotton drawers; Mrs. Charles H. Remick, a child's rolling-top desk, an iron toy; Miss Warnock, six books, a box of blocks.

March. Mrs. John Read, pieces of woollen cloth; Miss Hyatt, a box of papers and cards; Mrs. Bennett, fruit, candy, and flowers; Mrs. Durant, ice-cream; "The Club," eight blouses, five aprons, one pair of flannel drawers; Mrs. E. F. Harris, a baby-carriage; Fair of the First Universalist Church, three flannelette petticoats; Prof. W. M. Davis, a railroad for marble games; "F. E. U. A. W." Sewing Club, six flannelette skirts, two pairs of slippers; Mrs. J. Fox, cards; Mrs. T. L. Smith, eighteen yards of gingham; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, three dresses, four waists, four night-dresses, one union suit, four pairs of stockings; "Volunteer Mission Band" of the North Avenue Baptist Church, ten pounds of candy; "The Club," four blouses, three aprons; for "Little Helpers'" room, six sheets; Mrs. T. D. Foster, a boy's linen suit; The Misses Wyman, a croquet set; Mrs. J. Fox, an Easter chicken for each child; Mrs. J. B. Williams, six cotton suits for boys, two pairs of nightdrawers, one pair of overalls, four waists, one pair of boots, one pair of slippers, four pairs of stockings, one straw hat, two picture-books; Mrs. Durant, flowers for Easter.

April. North Avenue Baptist Church, twelve aprons; Mrs. W. M. Richardson, one girl's coat, one woollen dress, two wrappers, two hats, five

pairs of slippers; Mrs. C. F. Goodridge, blocks, games, dominoes, paper dolls, toy piano, furniture for a doll's house; Women's Guild of St. Bartholomew's Church, brown bread, rolls, a pie; "Basket Club," eleven aprons; Miss Mackintosh, three cotton dresses, six aprons, two blouses; Prospect Street Church, twelve aprons; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, five cotton blouses, two cotton night-dresses, four pairs of cotton drawers; Mrs. M. H. Cooke, two aprons, a small shawl, a hood, a set of reins, a paper-weight; Mrs. Louis Agassiz, four cotton dresses, three flannelette dresses, two flannelette wrappers; "The Hive," one flannelette petticoat, four pairs of flannel drawers; Mrs. W. Woodman, one girl's coat, a woollen blouse, seven cotton night-dresses, one pair of rubber boots, a scrap-book, pictures; Miss Louise Hixon, a boy's overcoat; Primary Teachers of the First Congregational Sunday School, cakes and candy; Miss Peabody, three cotton dresses, four pairs of cotton drawers; "King's Daughters" of the North Avenue Congregational Church, fifteen sheets for "Woodward" room; Mrs. A. M. Howe, four white bedspreads; "The Club," three sailor suits for girls, one cotton dress, five aprons, three cotton blouses for boys; Miss Anna Woodman, a birthday cake for one of the children; Mrs. A. P. Marrett, a boy's suit, two pairs of trousers, two pairs of cotton drawers, a cap, two felt hats; Mr. Shepard, magazines; "Sewing Club, Limited," fourteen aprons, two flannelette night-dresses, one flannelette skirt; Mrs. W. M. Richardson, a push-cart; Mrs. B. F. Janes, six straw hats.

May. Mrs. B. W. Taggard, four aprons, two flannelette skirts; Mrs. W. E. Jones, one shirt-waist, three muslin dresses, two flannel wrappers, two skirts, eight pairs of cotton drawers, two hoods, two pairs of boots, one pair of stockings, a ball; Miss Wyman, ten books, five games, a doll; "A Friend," pieces for sewing; "The Guild," four flannel skirts, four flannelette wrappers; "O. B. Club," two aprons, three flannelette skirts, two flannel skirts, four pairs of flannel drawers; Mrs. C. H. Cabot, three games; "Sewing Guild" of the Cantabrigia Club, eight shirts, two pairs of woollen drawers, two flannelette night-dresses, two flannelette skirts, two pairs of cotton drawers, three waists, one infant's jacket, one pair of trousers; Mrs. George Weymouth, for "Sheltering Arms," twelve sheets, twelve pillow-cases; "No Name" Club, seven flannel blouses, one flannel skirt; Mr. C. R. Teele, one hundred and five bars of laundry soap, one hundred and twenty cakes of toilet soap; Miss A. E. Tower, two sets of reins; Miss M. Green, four bean-bags; for "Little Helpers'" room, two pictures; Mrs. F. G. Houghton, a boy's overcoat, a pair of rubber boots, a pair of boots, a cap, two hats, two woollen dresses, two cotton dresses, seven pairs of cotton drawers, two night-dresses, a patch-work quilt, two small chairs, two toy carts, a wheelbarrow, games, toys; Mrs. L. C. Strong, two bicycles, twenty books, toys, games; Mrs. E. E. Davis, magazines; Mrs. C. W. Kingsley, a large toy engine; Mrs. H. S. Nash, two toys; "No Name" Club, six flannel blouses, one petticoat, pieces of cloth; The Misses Baldwin, a doll, cards, papers, games; Miss Charlotte W. Hawes, fifty leaflets of "Loyal Songs"; Mrs. C. T. Carruth, a patch-work quilt; "The Club," four aprons, two skirts, two night-dresses; The Industrial Society of Cambridge, two woollen dresses, two cotton dresses, six aprons; "Hannah Winthrop Chapter" D. A. R., two cakes, a box of candy; Shepard Memorial Church, ten pairs of cotton drawers, six pyjamas; Mrs. Bennett, two woollen suits, three cotton blouses, two pairs of trousers, two neckties; "Needlework Guild" of the Cantabrigia Club, four flannelette petticoats, one pair of drawers; Mrs. W. D. Swan, a girl's cape, two woollen suits, a boy's overcoat, two cotton suits, three pairs of cotton trousers, two straw hats.

June. Mrs. W. Woodman, five cotton dresses, three cotton shirt-waists, two white skirts, two flannelette skirts, two shirts, a pair of boots, two leather belts, three hats, ribbons, a box of shells; "A Friend," seven

books; North Avenue Congregational Church, the making of seven night-dresses; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, three cotton dresses, one pair of boots, two pairs of shoes, one pair of stockings; "Basket Club," nineteen flannelette petticoats; Mrs. W. D. Swan, three boy's cotton suits, a blouse, a pair of overalls, two infant's shirts; Mrs. Bennett, five cotton suits for boys, four pairs of trousers; Mrs. W. Woodman, a box of neckties; Mrs. W. M. Davis, three boy's blouses; "Sewing Club Limited," four night-dresses, two flannelette petticoats, two aprons; Mrs. Storer, strawberries for the children; Mrs. A. D. S. Bell, a plant, papers, pictures; Mrs. M. P. White, three cotton dresses, one boy's blouse; Chapter 504 of "St. Nicholas League," four plants; "F. E. U. A. W." Club, six flannelette skirts, eleven pairs of cotton drawers, six pairs of worsted slippers; Mrs. Stebbins, one rain-coat, one flannel wrapper, a cloak, twenty-five yards of straw-matting, a kitchen table; Mrs. A. B. Hart, two woollen suits for boys, a girl's suit, two hats, four pairs of overshoes, two pairs of leggings, three pairs of boots, two pairs of rubbers, one pair of slippers; Mrs. A. S. Hill, three sleds.

July. Mr. H. A. Eaton, four pairs of leggings, two pyjamas, two pairs of bedroom slippers, a domino, fifty books, a parlor-croquet set, a checker-board; Mrs. J. P. Cooke, ice-cream for the children; Mrs. J. D. Donovan, magazines; W. B. Durant, torpedoes, fire-crackers, fireworks; Mr. W. W. Dallinger, a chair-swing; Mrs. J. C. Scorgie, milk several times; "Sewing Club, Limited," two gingham aprons; "Volunteer Mission Band," ice-cream, cake, peanuts; Mrs. W. D. Swan, a child's rocking-chair, a high-chair.

August. Mr. H. M. Lee, a half-bushel of apples; Mrs. S. H. Swan, a picture; Miss L. McCallar, pears; "No Name" Club, two flannel blouses; "F. E. U. A. W." Sewing Club, three pairs of slippers, two pairs of cotton drawers; "Sewing Club, Limited," two night-dresses, one apron; Mr. J. Q. Bennett, a barrel of apples; Miss Chamberlin, pears.

September. Mr. J. Q. Bennett, three barrels of apples; Mrs. J. C. Palfrey, a barrel of apples; Mrs. T. L. Smith, a barrel of sweet potatoes; "Sewing Club, Limited," one night-dress.

October. Mrs. I. M. Spelman, thirteen hoods; Mrs. Bell, pears and apples; Mrs. D. U. Gunnison, two flannel skirts; Mr. W. J. Mandell, sweet apples; Mrs. John Read, a barrel of apples; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Howe, two barrels of apples; Mrs. D. B. Nye, papers; Miss A. E. Tower, grapes and apples; Shepard Memorial Church, five night-dresses; Mrs. S. L. Smith, a barrel of apples; Mrs. John Read, milk.

BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME.

Article I.

Name. — The name of this Corporation shall be "The Avon Home." Its object shall be to provide a Home for Children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge.

Article II.

Membership. — The members of this Corporation shall be twenty-three in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

Article III.

Officers. — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers ; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall report at the annual meeting. The accounts

of the Treasurer shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

Article IV.

Meetings. — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the Avon Home on the second Friday in November, at such hour as the Trustees may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Eleven Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

Article V.

Seal. — The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "The Avon Home, Cambridge, 1874," and shall be kept by the Clerk.

Article VI.

Amendments. — These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II., may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

RULES OF THE AVON HOME.

I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order: *First*, to orphans and foundlings; *Secondly*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Corporation for the purpose of adoption, or during minority; and *Thirdly*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home; and, in general, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Corporation, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may readmit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is given up as above stated.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be two members in the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. Each child shall be admitted to the Home for three months on probation; this period may be extended three months longer at the discretion of the Committee on Admission. Each case, accompanied by a full statement of the circumstances, shall be reported to the Corporation at its next regular meeting, and at the end of the period of probation the Corporation shall decide whether or not to admit the child for a definite time.

III. Every child must be vaccinated before entering the Home, unless specially excused by the Committee on Admission.

IV. No visit of a longer period than a day, or over night, to friends or relatives shall be allowed unless under distinctly favorable conditions, approved by one member of the Committee on Admission and the Matron, and reported in writing to the Trustees at their next meeting.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday School, unless specially excused by vote of the Corporation.

VI. In case of death, no child shall be taken from the Home for burial without a religious service being held at the Home, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reasons for removal.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on the first Sunday and third Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 P. M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees. The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children, except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.

VIII. The Matron shall have full authority in the Home, subject only to these rules and the votes of the Corporation and of the Executive Committee. She shall attend the meetings of the Committees on Adoption and Discharge, on Provisions and House Supplies, and on Clothing.

The Matron shall keep a journal of daily happenings and from it make a short written report for the regular meeting of the Corporation, mentioning such exceptional matters as should be made known to the Corporation.

The Matron and Assistant Matron shall not be absent from the Home at the same time, unless by special consent of the Monthly Visitor.

IX. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the Home one month. It shall

be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the Home at least twice a week, and at various hours of the day, some of these visits to be on the visiting days for parents; to examine all parts of the house and to report in writing at the regular meeting, stating the number of children at the Home and the changes that have occurred since the last meeting, and making any suggestions and criticisms regarding the management of the Home that should be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

X. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows: —

1. A Committee on Admission, who, in addition to the duties mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names, ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained.

2. A Committee on Adoption and Discharge, who shall be thoroughly acquainted with the case of every child placed in the Home, and shall, so far as possible, secure permanent homes elsewhere for those given up to the Corporation. They shall also continue to have an oversight of all children who have left the Home, but have not returned to their parents or immediate relatives.

3. A Committee on Clothing, who shall have entire charge of all clothing that goes into the Home, and shall attend to all cutting done there. Every gift of clothing of any kind, if sent first to the Home, must be laid aside by the Matron, and not used till examined by one of the committee. Every gift of goods or money for clothing is to go to the chairman of the committee.

4. A Committee on Provisions and House Supplies, who shall have entire charge of that department.

5. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dollars; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

6. A Committee on Investments, who shall advise with the Treasurer in regard to the investment of the permanent and other funds.

7. An Executive Committee, who shall have, in the interval between the meetings of the Corporation, all the powers of the Trustees, except as to the expenditure of sums exceeding fifty dollars. This Committee shall report any exercise of its powers at the next meeting of the Corporation for its approval.

The chairman of each committee shall present at the annual meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the committee for the preceding year.

XI. All bills shall receive the written approval of the committee or person authorized to make the expenditure before payment by the Treasurer.